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## Editor's Note

*Hello Friends,*

This month warm weather is activating growth. Inside my fence, my cat is tending to her babies, while the garden's weeds are getting tall enough to pull. With more work to do now that spring is upon us, every now-and-then, I need a breather during my Sunday afternoons tending the yard. So I head to my front porch couch with a glass of water and a book, stealing a kitten from its mama on the way. Reclining with a warm fuzzy while I read a chapter is a great way to rest and revive.

I'm thinking of renewing my book collection at the Big Spring Book Sale hosted by the Hood

County Friends of the Library at the end of this month. On April 21, I'll take off the gardening gloves, put on a dress, and go out to the Hood County Animal Lovers Organization (HALO)'s First Annual Chari-Tea.

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— By Lisa Bell

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Not every night of bowling brings so much success for the long-time Granbury resident. However, every time she bowls, Kathy walks away having enjoyed the evening. While many people take bowling very seriously, she simply has fun. If she experiences a bad night, or even a bad month, she looks at it with a positive attitude knowing her game next week will probably be better.

In spite of less-than-perfect scores, Kathy enjoys bowling. Although far below the elusive game of 300, she continues improving and strives to do the best she can. Weekly bowling

provides practice and requirements that will enable her to be eligible for competition at the state and national tournaments. Her average score runs around 160-165, with a current high score of 246. The night she reached

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her personal best, she also achieved a 600 series, which means her combined total scores for three games that night exceeded 600. For Kathy, that was an awesome night. "I didn't know where it came from," she said. "I just kept getting strike after strike."

After more than 20 years of league bowling, she enjoys the sport as much as ever. Even during times of frustration when she goes through repeated weeks of less than her best, she can't imagine quitting. The physical activity involved helps keep her in shape and relieves stress, but the best part comes from the time spent with friends. When her husband passed away a couple of years ago, two months before their 25th anniversary, those friendships provided amazing support. Each week she looks forward to Wednesday and time spent with her friends.

In past years, Kathy bowled in Fort Worth and with traveling leagues, going to different houses (bowling establishments). She has chosen Granbury Lanes for her bowling home primarily because of relationships associated with the local league. Over the years, learning from others has improved her average and keeps her coming back for more.

Kathy sometimes went bowling for fun during her teenage years. On occasion, she and her brother entered local contests and won minor prizes. She didn't continue bowling as an adult. She picked the sport back up in 1988 while working as a certified nurse aid at a nursing home. Some of the employees were on a team. She joined them and has continued bowling since that time. In the beginning, she averaged only around 98 points per game, but the team accepted her, and she had fun.

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Her husband, although not a bowler, supported her desire to pursue the sport. Although her youngest son bowled when he was 15, he didn't continue. Nevertheless, all of her children understood her passion and encouraged her to keep bowling. Over the years, she improved in her game. As a league member, she won trophies along the way. Now she participates in state and national tournaments where she has an opportunity to win prize money. Depending on many factors, she usually gets back enough to at least cover the cost of entry fees and travel to different events. Because she loves the sport, winning isn't the most important thing to Kathy.



At both the state and national levels, bowlers must participate in at least 21 league games and have an established average. The average determines their division, where bowlers compete as a team as well as in doubles and singles.

Kathy plans to attend the state women's championships in San Antonio in May. She looks forward to the camaraderie of attending with her friends. Her sister usually travels with her, so they enjoy spending time together between scheduled events.

According to Bowl.com, the 2013 United States Bowling Congress (USBC) women's championship tournament will host more than 30,000 bowlers. Held at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center in Reno, Nevada, the event draws bowlers from all over the country.

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Because the sport for amateurs includes a handicap, beginners get some leveling when competing with more experienced bowlers. A handicap, designed to even out the playing field, uses calculations to add points to actual scores, thus raising individual, doubles and team scores.

Teams typically include bowlers with similar averages. An individual can have an outstanding day at a tournament, yet walk away without placing because of poor performance by their team members or doubles partner. Individual scores determine the outcome only in the singles competition.

But skills alone don't always dictate final outcomes. Many other factors affect the game. Lanes may be too oily or too dry, thus changing the way a ball rolls. Some bowling balls perform better on different surfaces. Kathy eventually purchased a new one that responds better on lanes with more oil. Still, she doesn't hesitate to change balls when necessary to improve her score.

The weight of a ball can also affect a game, especially if the individual develops issues with their arm. Kathy dropped from 15 pounds to 14-pound ball and improved immediately.

Besides bowling, Kathy stays in shape as a member of the Granbury Cloggers. She sets aside Tuesday and Wednesday for clogging and bowling, enjoying life as an active 64-year-old widow.

As she prepares for this month's national tournament, Kathy looks forward to the trip to Reno. She hopes to improve her average and bowl at least 170 during the event. "I really enjoy bowling," she said. "At the tournament, I want to have a good day and bowl well, or at least do my best." She looks forward to these weekends as highlights of the year.

Whether exceeding her goals or not, Kathy will have fun. For her, bowling feels good, and that's the best any athlete can ask for in a sport. **NOW**

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— By Melissa Rawlins

*Seven years ago, Lula Pope moved from Houston to Granbury with an attitude that she'd make it her own. Living with and caring for her father after her mother's passing, Lula applied herself looking for work and quickly found a job at Mike Brown Ford. Then she started playing golf, and now she is the event and catering director at Pecan Plantation Country Club. She has made a totally new life for herself in Granbury.*



Six months ago, Lula moved into a former schoolteacher's home not far from her father, where she has mixed an Asian flair with the country feel to create a cute and snug home just right for a single woman. With her adopted dogs, Bungie the Brussels Griffon and Pepper the Poodle, she enjoys coziness like never before. "I pinch myself every day that I have this little house for myself. I've lived in condos in Houston, and here I have two bedrooms and two baths, and I feel safe and comfortable," Lula said.

When Lula's daughter, Trina, visits from California, she plays golf with her grandfather and mother. Lula invested in a 1996 Lincoln Continental golf cart before buying her house. "Bigdog Custom Golf Carts on 377 had this adorable white golf cart sitting out there one day," Lula remembered. "It was one of my bucket list things." The cart gets her



## At Home With

# Lula Dope

around the neighborhood and over to the golf course in style. Bungie and Pepper often take rides in it, too.

Always thinking of others, as well as herself, Lula took a cue from Trina who was recently promoted to regional vice president of Hyatt Regency Hotels Corporation. “I accommodate my guests with hairspray and whatever else they need,” said Lula, who fills her guest bathroom with travel-sized toiletries delivered by her daughter whenever she visits. Lula has decorated this bathroom with renditions of two different angles of the *Venus De Milo* painted by her aunt, Elouise Chestnut.

Lula likes art and collects originals from local artists. Purchased at art shows and auctions, each painting fits perfectly where Lula places it. Those in her master bedroom blend nicely with its oriental flavor, created by a red leather couch and a fireplace filled with candles. Hanging

in other key locations are framed works by Collette Jones, Martha Scogin, Martie Rains, Marjorie Ross and Pam Fritz, to name a few.

Lula’s mother, Nita Pope, painted the fall scene in the dining room, where Nita’s oak table with chairs provides an intimate place for entertaining. The window looks out on the woods Lula so loves. The built-in china cabinet provides a lovely counter for spreading out food during the parties Lula often hosts. Above the counter, behind glass doors, Lula keeps a very special vase adorned by little Chinese children, which she bought from the Boys & Girls Club of America resale shop.

“I think that vase was in this home before,” Lula said, recalling the tour she received from her Realtor, Laura Life, with Winston Properties. “I knew nothing about buying a house. She and

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*“I use my own style, based on how I feel, and I don’t mimic anybody. I have my own character.”*

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the lender, Tony McDaniel, walked me through the whole process. I got preapproved before going shopping. And then Laura walked me through this one plus two other houses. This was the one!”

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“And I am convinced I saw that Chinese vase when I first walked through this cute house.” So when she saw it later at Granbury’s Boys & Girls Club resale shop, she bought it as her déjà vu vase.

In fact, Lula has filled her home with decor from Granbury resale stores like Witherspoon’s Antique Mall and New2U Consignment Shop. She also browses the

local art galleries, and it was in Artèfactz on the square that Lula completed her host of pewter dining room angels. “I started off with two from fundraising auctions, one was a gift and Cynthia had one on sale in her gallery!” The angels



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The fireplace is better than a television when viewed from Lula's living room, which she keeps calm for meditation purposes. The mantel sports two golden peacocks, above which hang two panels engraved with peacocks on black enamel. Lula found the peach-colored, peacock-upholstered couches for her living room and a matching antiqued coffee table, at New2U. While shopping at what is now ReUnique Boutique in Acton, she found the bistro table that separates the living room from the kitchen. And near the Pella sliding doors that open onto the patio stands an easel displaying a portrait of her two dogs created by Joanna Croft, a local artist from Pecan.

"I do like to entertain, and with the flow of the floor plan here I can open the doors to the patio and friends can sit



outside or inside," said Lula, who keeps lush potted plants on the patio in nice weather. "I'll usually have a buffet line at the china cabinet, and often place bowls of nuts on the tables for my guests."

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Lula got her flair for entertaining and decorating naturally. "I use my own style, based on how I feel, and I don't mimic anybody. I have my own character," she said. To harmonize her home, Lula has incorporated gifts from friends with her own purchases, and moves them from spot to spot until she feels comfortable. "I'll feel the warmth and know."

Sunlight flows into her kitchen every morning through the garden window where Lula keeps little pots of oregano and mint with little singing sparrows perched in them. "I watch squirrels in the woods and drink coffee in the mornings or afternoons while I watch Oprah, Dr. Phil and Dr. Oz on my flat screen TV," she said, "and I come in at night and light my candles. I love the comfort." Because she works late on Saturday nights, she often does not go to church, so Sunday mornings are her down time with Bungie



and Pepper, and they hang out in the kitchen listening to inspiring words and messages on Oprah's *Super Soul Sunday* program.

"By choosing the things that spark comforting memories, I have made peace a reality," Lula said. Her career is totally different than when she was a well-paid receptionist for a Chinese petrochemical company in Houston when she was younger. Her daughter is grown and successful, and she is more independent. "I'm loving this turning point. I'm not eager to think I have to have somebody. I'm at peace with myself and my life. Every day when I'm in there with my little dogs, and we're looking out at the woods, I just thank the Lord for the peace we feel and the joy I have in this house." **NOW**

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# An AM



*Drive and determination are very apparent in Mariah Rendeiro's personality. The Granbury High School senior has a schedule full of activities: from serving as captain of the Color Guard to winning awards for her science projects. Mariah excels at most everything she attempts and enjoys the challenge.*

With a 4.7 grade point average, Mariah is ranked eighth in her class. "I'm a very driven person, and I will not come home and just not do my homework. I've never been able to do that and don't think I ever will be," she confessed. Most of Mariah's school work comes easy for her. She likes to write and really enjoys math. "When I finally figure out how to do it, I feel so accomplished and so happy that I just want to do it

# BITIOUS Teen

— By Amber D. Browne

over and over again. Solving the puzzle is a reward for me. I just love it. And, science is the same. I love to learn new things and try to figure out things other people didn't know about."

At the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania last May, Mariah showcased her science project. She tested three different iron compounds on phytoplankton to see which one would cause the biggest bloom. "When phytoplankton bloom, they take large amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> out of the water, which in turn pulls it out of the atmosphere. So, the way I saw it is that it

would be a possible solution to reverse global warming." Iron nitrate worked the best, and she is continuing her research on how it affects a marine environment. Mariah has a tank set up at school with live rock, shrimp, starfish and hermit crabs to continue work on her project.

She hopes to eventually use her research in the real world to reduce greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide, from the environment. "Regardless of whether someone believes in global warming or not, there is an increase in greenhouse gases. Ultimately, that's not so good for our health," Mariah remarked.

Although she didn't win any awards at internationals last May, she received the prestigious Walden Woods Project Global Environmental Leadership

Award at a ceremony in Boston, Massachusetts, the

following month. She was recognized for her research and got to meet President Bill Clinton and singers, Don Henley and Sarah McLachlan, at the awards ceremony.

Mariah will be going off to college in the fall and is looking to major in environmental science. Her goal is to attend medical school, but Mariah wants to have an environmental science background as a backup plan. She could then use that experience to go into environmental engineering to design products to help the world use the environment as a resource without a negative effect.

She encourages more women to get involved in math and science. "You have to be very motivated and very driven. And, you have to really want it, because it's a lot of work, and it always will be a



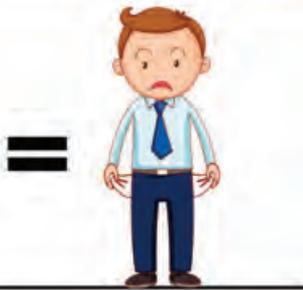
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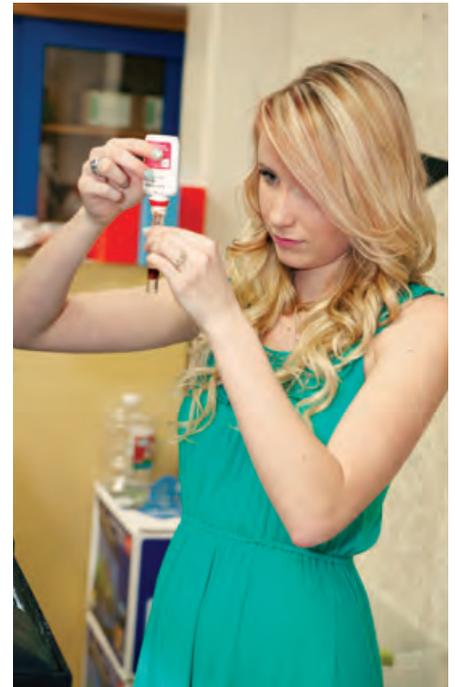
As president of the Health Occupation Students of America program at school, Mariah is involved in service projects, travels the region for competitions in speech and learns about different health professions. “I really like it a lot,” she said. The group wants to work with a local elementary school this year on energy balance. “How to eat, what you should eat, how much you should do as far as physical activity,” she explained.

She also recently received her Gold Award in Girl Scouts, which is equivalent to the Eagle Scout rank for Boy Scouts. “It’s a big deal to me,” she explained. “Finally having it finished is really a relief and a burden off my shoulders. It’s great to be able to put it down on résumés,” she said. To get the Gold Award, she teamed up with Project-44, which grows fresh fruits and vegetables for local food pantries. Mariah made signs to label the

fruits and vegetables in the garden and also helped paint the well house on the property.

Additionally, she’s a member of National Honor Society and Key Club. Serving as captain of the Color Guard also keeps her busy. Performing during marching band season and in winter competitions has included some challenges this school year. “It’s been pretty rough, but it’s given me a lot of leadership experience. And, it’s helped me learn how to deal with different kinds of people and how to work through tough situations.” Mariah doesn’t mind the challenge and really enjoys performing with the girls in their flag routines. “It gives me a way to express myself.”

With school work and extracurricular activities, Mariah has a busy schedule to keep up with, but she takes it all in stride. “It gets really stressful at times, but I’m the type of person who always likes to be doing something. I know I’m a teenager, but I don’t like to sit down and just watch TV. I don’t like to be lazy all the time. I have my days where I don’t want to do



anything,” she chuckled. “Sometimes I have to make sacrifices. But, I do what I can,” she explained. “The experiences I gain from all these things are worth it in the end.”

Her parents, Manny and Nancy Rendeiro, are a big support for Mariah, and she doesn’t think she could do it

without them. "She's hard to keep up with," Manny said. "We're extremely proud of her. Everything she does, she does well," he said. "She's just an awesome young lady."

Mariah likes to spend free time with her younger twin brothers, high school sophomores Neal and Nolan, and her older sister, Melissa, who works at Granbury TV. Mariah also likes to curl up



with a good book. "It's another escape for me. I can get into a book and just get away from my life for a little while and be in someone else's."

Mariah's upcoming graduation doesn't seem real to her. "I can't imagine starting over," she said. She doesn't know for sure where she is going to college, but she hopes to make a decision this month. She has been accepted to the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, and has gone on several interviews. Mariah has been offered full scholarships to Abilene Christian University and Angelo State University. Texas Christian University (TCU) could be another option. Mariah has an ACT score of 33, and she hopes to get TCU's Chancellor's Scholarship to attend there. "I love school, and I love to learn. If I could go to school and learn for the rest of my life, I would do that." **NOW**



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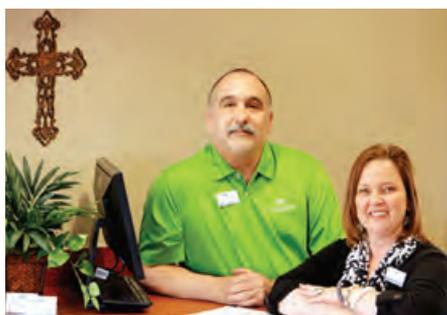
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# Doing Unto Others

*Christian Brothers Automotive provides honest, ethical automotive service.*

— By *Melissa Rawlins*

Mike Loter is understandably proud of the service offered at Christian Brothers Automotive, which he opened nearly one year ago on the eastern stretch of Highway 377. The distinctive green trimmed, Austin chalk building might look familiar. That's because this is the 102nd Christian Brothers Automotive opened since 1982.

When Mike and his wife, Donna, opened their franchise, they started with a service manager, Pete Chapman, and two technicians. Since May, they have grown to add another technician and a service advisor, Jennifer Mull, a Granbury resident who knows a lot of folks in town. She works the counter with Pete, who puts people at ease.

Thanks to their caring personalities plus the hardwood

floors, Persian rugs and leather couches, the waiting room at Christian Brothers is as appealing as its quality car care. "Women and professionals appreciate our neat, clean atmosphere when they walk in," Mike said. "And if they need to go back to work after dropping off their vehicle, we have a shuttle car, and I actually drive them."

The strategy at Christian Brothers Automotive is to sell you only what they would offer their own family. "We are a resource and advisor for our customers," Mike said. "Our technicians have a combined 80 years experience and are all ASE certified (automotive service excellence), so if your vehicle requires a simple oil change or something more elaborate, like an engine overhaul, we can do it. We also work

on any car, European or domestic.” With high-powered diagnostic equipment, they can hook it up to your car and determine what any “check engine” light means. “We have a good system, good coaching, great training and an excellent support system,” Mike said.

Mike and Donna got involved in early 2010, while Mike was praying for a change from selling golf course turf equipment. “When Donna had a car worked on at a Christian Brothers in North Richland Hills, it hit me there was something different about this company and their approach,” Mike recalled. “I investigated and found they want owners who have unclouded opinions of the automotive industry, understand how to grow a business and provide great customer service.”

Mike and his team at Christian Brothers Automotive in Granbury are succeeding with repeat customers and referrals. “It’s nothing magical. We just treat our staff and our customers the way we want to be treated,” Mike said.

Last October, they partnered with Lakeside Baptist Church to help people who put off basic car maintenance because money is tight. “Linda Lemmons brought us 20 ladies who needed help, and we all worked for free that day,” Mike said. “The technicians loved it. They found things they knew the ladies needed, more than oil changes, and it was a great give-back day.” This October, they will do it again.

Car tips, customer reviews and pictures of Mike and Donna’s family are accessible on their Web site, which is administered by their son, Colton. Once his sister, Sheridan, graduates from Keller High School the family will move to Granbury. Already, Mike has joined the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and Business Networking International.

“I can be an asset to the business if I’m out meeting people and driving business to our door,” Mike said. Members of the Chamber of Commerce awarded his shop the Rising Star Award 2012. Clearly, the word is already out that Christian Brothers Automotive is a great shop to do business with. **NOW**

# Can You Turn “Be a Millionaire Day” Into Reality?

If you look hard enough, you can find many obscure holidays, but few of them can instantly capture people’s interest as much as Be a Millionaire Day, which is “celebrated” on May 20. While amassing a million dollars may not be as significant a milestone as it used to be, most of us would still feel pleased if we could someday attain millionaire status. While there are no perfect formulas or guarantees, here are some steps to consider when working toward any investment goal:

- *Put time on your side.* The earlier you begin saving and investing, the better your chances of reaching your financial goal. You can’t expect to strike it rich immediately with any single investment, but by investing year in and year out, and by choosing quality investment vehicles, you have the opportunity to achieve growth over time.

- *Pay yourself first.* If you wait until you “have a little extra money lying around” before you invest, you may well never invest. Instead, try to pay yourself first. Each month, move some money automatically from a checking or savings account into an investment. When you’re first starting out in the working world, you might not be able to afford much, but as you advance in your career, you can increase your contributions.

- *Control your debts.* It’s easier said than done, but if you can keep a lid on your debt payments, you’ll have more money with which to invest.

- *Take advantage of tax deferral.* When you invest in tax-deferred vehicles, such as a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, your money has the opportunity to grow faster than it would if placed in an investment on which you paid taxes each year. Of course, when you start taking withdrawals, presumably at retirement, you’ll have to

pay taxes, but by then, you may be in a lower tax bracket. And since you’ll have some control over your withdrawals, you can help control taxes, too.

- *Build share ownership.* As an investor, one of the best things you can do to build your wealth is to increase the number of shares you own in your investments. So, look for buying opportunities, such as when prices are low. Also, consider reinvesting any dividends or distributions you may receive from your investments.

- *Don’t be overly cautious.* For your money to grow, you need to put a portion of your investment dollars in growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks. It is certainly true that stock prices will always fluctuate, sometimes quite sharply, and you may receive more or less than your original investment when sold. But if you avoid stocks entirely in favor of more stable vehicles, you run the risk of earning returns that may not keep you ahead of inflation. As you approach retirement, and even during retirement, your portfolio will probably still need some growth potential. Work with your financial advisor to determine the appropriate approach for you.

- *Think long term.* By creating a long-term investment strategy and sticking to it, you’ll be less likely to take a timeout from investing in response to perceived negative news, such as market downturns and political crises.

Following these suggestions may someday allow you to reach the point when your financial goals become a reality for you. **NOW**

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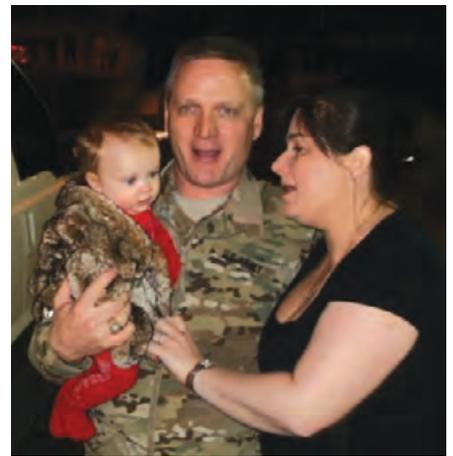
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The Opera Guild of Granbury meeting: 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., DeCordova Bend Country Club. The organization promotes interest and support for the Granbury Opera House. Joy Davis reviews a book on Faberge eggs. Lunch, not mandatory, is \$13. Please RSVP to JJ Mainord, (817) 279-1969.

### April 4

Lake Granbury Newcomers Club luncheon: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Pecan Plantation Country Club. Members raise money for charity through sales of \$1 door-prize tickets and raffles. RSVP to (817) 243-9831.

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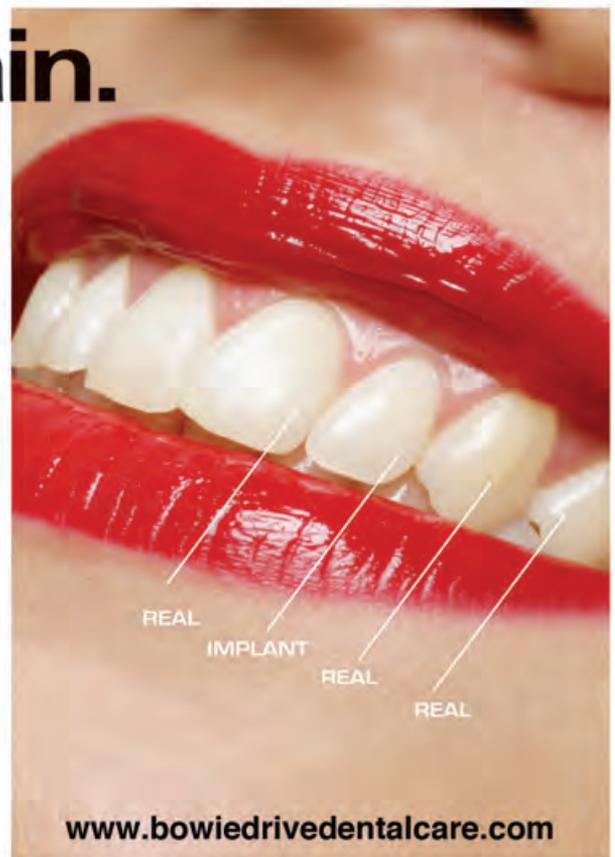
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## In The Kitchen With Jerry Ketchum

— *By Melissa Rawlins*

A relative newcomer to Granbury, Jerry Ketchum was born and reared in Fort Worth. In his travels throughout Texas, and even in Vietnam, Jerry tried his hand at learning from seasoned cooks. As a teen working for seven summers at Worth Ranch Boy Scout Camp in Palo Pinto, Jerry learned to make a mouthwatering meatloaf and realized he was a good cook. Guy Fieri, Tom Perini and Emeril Lagasse rank with Jerry's dad and grandmother as inspirations for the cowboy camp specialties he likes to serve to groups ranging from 15 to 100. His main entrees are usually meats — grilled, roasted, fried or smoked — served with side dishes, breads and desserts. Jerry will use conventional ovens and convection ovens, but especially enjoys cooking over a wood fire. **NOW**

### Carrots With White Wine Sauce

Serves 6-8.

- 2 lbs. carrots**
- 1 7-oz. can pineapple tidbits**
- 1/4 cup brown sugar**
- 1/4 cup butter, sliced into pats**
- 4 Tbsp. white wine (or bourbon)**
- 1/3 cup pecan pieces**
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil**

- 1.** Wash carrots; peel and slice into 1-inch pieces.
- 2.** Layer carrots and pineapple bits in the center of a 5-foot length of aluminum foil, doubled over. Sprinkle carrots with brown sugar; lay the pats of butter and pecan pieces on top.

- 3.** Bring the crease of the aluminum foil over the ingredients and make 3 1/2-inch folds on the front edge and repeat on 1 of the sides. Pour in olive oil and wine into pouch.
- 4.** Fold remaining side; place pouch in smoker, BBQ pit or campfire; cook at about 325-350 F for about 45 minutes. The package will puff up as the vegetables steam.
- 5.** Unroll 1 end of the pouch and use a fork to check for tenderness. If you are cooking in a fire pit, make sure you do not create hot spots or use too many coals to heat the package.

### Green Beans and Potatoes

Serves 4-6.

- 5-6 medium new potatoes, washed and quartered**

- 3-4 medium-sized portabella mushrooms, sliced**
- 1 1/2 lbs. fresh green beans, washed and snapped**
- 5 strips bacon, cut up**
- 1/3 cup cilantro, chopped**
- 1 tsp. coarse ground black pepper**
- 1 poblano pepper, sliced**
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced**
- 1 tsp. garlic, chopped**
- 1/2 cup olive oil**

- 1.** Lay potatoes, mushrooms, green beans and bacon into a foil pouch. Add remaining ingredients except olive oil and seal two sides of packet.
- 2.** Pour olive oil in third side and seal. Cook in pouch at 300-325 F for about an hour. Open 1 end of pouch to check for tenderness. Be sure to open pouch slowly to let steam escape.

### Cast Iron Splayed Roast Chicken

Serves 4-5.

- 1 large white onion**
- 1 fennel plant**
- 1 large cooking hen**
- 1 cup olive oil**
- 1 tsp. red chili powder**
- 2 tsp. Worcestershire powder**
- 2 tsp. black pepper, coarse ground**
- 1/3 cup fresh rosemary, coarse cut**
- 2 cups Riesling**
- 1/2 stick butter, cut into pats**
- 1 cup water**

- 1.** Slice onion; separate into rings. Slice and separate rings of bottom bulb of fennel plant; then chop the ferny top. Line the bottom of a large, greased cast iron skillet with half the sliced onion and half the fennel bulb.
- 2.** Splay the cooking hen open down the back. Rub chicken with olive oil, chili powder and Worcestershire. Lay chicken in skillet breast side up and sprinkle with pepper, chopped fennel top and rosemary. Pour 1 cup wine over chicken, top with butter pats; pour water into skillet.
- 3.** Cook uncovered in smoker at about 300-325 F for 2 hours, adding water to keep meat moist as needed.
- 4.** Add remaining cup of wine; move skillet close to fire box source. Cook for another 45 minutes to an hour, testing for tenderness and doneness with the aid of a meat thermometer. Chicken should separate from bone very easily.

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